

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/688,817

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to respons After Final Rejection filed 15 July 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7-27.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner is persuaded by Applicants' arguments filed 15 July 2005. Specifically, the Examiner agrees that the invention of claims 14-27 is substantially similar to the invention of claims 7-13 and would therefore have overlapping search strategies. Thus it is proper that the two sets of claims be examined together as there would be no serious burden to the Examiner. Therefore, the Restriction Requirement stated in the Office Action of 13 June 2005 is hereby withdrawn and all of the claims have been examined on the merits.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7-27 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 7 states the limitation "a circuit board configured to be placed over a top of the component, the circuit board including a bottom side that faces the component during use, the bottom side of the second circuit board comprising a first plurality of conductive pads to be electrically coupled to the power and ground pads on the component to supply power and ground connection to the component". This limitation, in conjunction with the other claimed limitations was neither found to be disclosed in, nor suggested by the prior art. Similarly, claim 14 states the limitation "a second circuit board configured to be placed over a top of the component; wherein signal connection between the first circuit board and the component is made with a bottom of the component during use, the second circuit board including a bottom side that faces the component during use,

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the bottom side of the second circuit board comprising a first plurality of conductive pads to be electrically coupled to a corresponding second plurality of conductive pads on the component, the second plurality of conductive pads supplying power and ground connection to the component during use". This limitation, in conjunction with the other claimed features, was neither found to be disclosed in nor suggested by the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeremy C. Norris whose telephone number is 571-272-1932. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kamand Cuneo can be reached on 571-272-1957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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